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SUBJECT:TEST OF PPT REPORTING SYSTEM

1. NOW THAT PRESS OF FY 77 DOCUMENTATION AND FY 76 PROJECT APPROVAL IS FOR THE MOST PART OVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE GROUND RULES FOR SUBJECT TEST WHICH WE EXPECT TO LAST THROUGH JUNE 30, 1976.

2. USAID/PANAMA NETWORKS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS SUGGESTED:

LOAN - 040 - NO CHANGES REQUIRED

LOAN - 041 - PPT NETWORK IS ADEQUATE FOR TEST PURPOSES.

WHEN MISSION NEXT UPDATES NETWORK, REMAINING CPIS (ESPECIALLY NOS. 10, 13-14, 17, 19, 20, 24-27, 29, 32) SHOULD BE DEFINED MORE SPECIFICALLY AND IF POSSIBLE QUANTIFIED. FINANCIAL AND EVALUATION PLANS SHOULD BE INCLUDED. MISSION MAY WANT TO REEXAMINE COOPERATIVE MEMBERSHIP AND SALES VOLUME FIGURES IN CPI'S 28, 31, 34 TO ASCERTAIN THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE RELATIVELY LOW TARGETS

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WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE PROJECT PURPOSE.

LOAN - 042 - PPT NETWORK IS ADEQUATE FOR TEST PURPOSES.

WHEN MISSION NEXT UPDATES NETWORK, THE LOCATIONS AND SIZES OF FACILITIES TO BE CONSTRUCTED SHOULD BE SPECIFIED IN MORE DETAIL. INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT SHOULD BE REVIEWED AND APPROPRIATE CPIS FOR THIS ASPECT OF THE LOAN IDENTIFIED AND INCLUDED. FINANCIAL AND EVALUATION PLANS SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

3. AFTER CONSIDERATION OF MISSION PREFERENCES AND EXAMINATION OF THE INFORMATION THE BUREAU NEEDS TO RECEIVE FROM THE PPT TEST, THE FOLLOWING REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TEST MISSION HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON FOR THE TEST PERIOD: USAID/PANAMA SHOULD DISCONTINUE MONTHLY REPORTS ON TEST LOANS AND REPORT ON TWO TEST LOANS OF MISSION'S CHOICE ON POSITIVE BASIS AND ONE ON EXCEPTION BASIS. PLEASE ADVISE MISSION'S CHOICE. USAID/GUATEMALA WILL DISCONTINUE MONTHLY NARRATIVE REPORTS ON TEST LOANS AND DO EXCEPTION REPORTING. ROCAP WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ON TWO TEST LOANS ON A POSITIVE BASIS AND ON THREE LOANS/GRANTS ON AN EXCEPTION BASIS. AID/W REQUESTS THAT ROCAP SUBMIT MONTHLY REPORTS ON ALL TEST PROJECTS TO FACILITATE COMPARISON OF INFORMATION GENERATED BY BOTH SYSTEMS. ALL TEST MISSIONS WILL REPORT ON NEW FY 76 PROJECTS THROUGH BOTH MONTHLY REPORTING SYSTEM AND PPT SYSTEM ON AN EXCEPTION BASIS.

4. REVISED FORMAT FOR PPT CABLES IS BEING POUCHED.

5. PROCEDURES IN LA/DR - DURING THE TEST PERIOD THE RESPECTIVE FINANCE OFFICER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING PPT NETWORKS AND MONITORING PROJECT PERFORMANCE. CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE GRANT PROJECT SUPPORT OFFICERS WILL BE MAINTAINED. MISSIONS WILL INFORM AID/W OF ANY CHANGES MADE IN NETWORKS WHICH DO NOT AFFECT THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT (PURPOSE), LIFE OF PROJECT, OR RESOURCES. NO AID/W APPROVAL IS REQUIRED. IN INSTANCES WHERE AID/W APPROVAL FOR MAJOR PPT REVISIONS MAY BE REQUIRED A MEETING OF INTERESTED BUREAU OFFICES WILL BE SCHEDULED.

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6. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE COMPLETED BY MISSION LOAN OFFICER WITH HELP OF PROJECT MANAGERS ON TIME SPENT REPORTING UNDER BOTH SYSTEMS IS BEING POUCHED. SISCO

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